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SUBJECT: USAF AERONAUTICAL STATION TESTS

1. THE AIR FORCE MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND (MAC) PLANS TO
CONDUCT COMMUNICATIONS TESTS AT RHEIN MAIN AIR BASE,
GERMANY, FROM 31 JULY 73 TO 31 DEC 73, WITH THE USAF
AERONAUTICAL STATION AT CROUGHTON, ENGLAND, WHICH HAS
HIGH FREQUENCY/ SINGLE SIDE BAND (HF/ SSB) COMMUNICATION
RESPONSIBILITY FOR AIRDROMES IN THE EUROPEAN AREA.

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2. A COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY WITHIN EXISTING NETWORKS IS REQUIRED TO INSURE WORLDWIDE COMMAND AND CONTROL OF MAC AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT. MAC AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS ARE CONDUCTED INTO MANY AIRFIELDS WHICH HAVE LIMITED OR NO CAPABILITY FOR VOICE CONTACT WITH USAF COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS. COMMAND CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT IS OFTEN LOST UNTIL IT RETURNS TO A STATION OR ROUTE WHERE CONTACT WITH THE MAC COMMAND POST SYSTEM IS POSSIBLE. THE COMMUNICATIONS TEST WILL EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF EXERCISING COMMAND CONTROL OF MAC AIRCRAFT FROM EXISTING COMPONENTS OF THE COMMAND POST SYSTEM THROUGH THE USAF AERONAUTICAL STATION NETWORK TO THE AIRCRAFT AT ANY AIRDROME THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. FURTHER, BETTER COMMAND/CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS WITH MISSION AIRCRAFT TRANSITING THE AREA PRIMARILY WOULD BENEFIT U. S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES RECEIVING AIRLIFT SUPPORT FROM MAC AS THE RESULT OF INCREASED EFFICIENCY FOR THESE MISSIONS. FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS WOULD BENEFIT THROUGH INCREASED EFFICIENCY IN DELIVERY OF FOREIGN MILITARY SALES AND DISASTER RELIEF MATERIAL AS WELL AS FROM MINIMIZING DELAYS AT AERODROMES WHICH MAY ADD TO CONGESTION AND SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED ON LOCAL FACILITIES.

3. THE TESTS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY USING DESIGNATED MAC C-141/ C-5 AIRCRAFT WHICH TRANSIT THE AIRDROME ON CHANNEL OR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT AIRLIFT MISSIONS. ONLY AIRCRAFT HF/ SSB TRANSMITTERS AND RECEIVERS WILL BE USED AT THE AIRDROME, BY THE AIRCRAFT FLIGHT CREW DURING AUTHORIZED GROUND TIME FOR THE SPECIFIED AIRLIFT MISSION. TESTS WILL DETERMINE CAPABILITY OF INSTALLED AIRCRAFT EQUIPMENT TO ESTABLISH VOICE CONTACT WITH USAF AERONAUTICAL STATIONS FROM THE AIRCRAFT PARKING POSITION AT THE AERODROME. THE AIRCRAFT AND CREW SO SPECIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN A TEST WILL TRANSIT THE AIRDROME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS ESTABLISHED IN THE FOREIGN CLEARANCE GUIDE (FCG) FOR THE PERTINENT AIRLIFT MISSION. CONTACTS WITH USAF AERONAUTICAL STATIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO MATTERS OF OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT, SUCH AS DIVERSION, REROUTE, AND RECALL.

4. TESTS ARE CURRENTLY PLANNED FOR APPROXIMATELY 25
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AIRDROMES SELECTED TO ASCERTAIN HF/ SSB COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES WITHIN EUROPE, ASIA, AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST, SOUTH AMERICA, AND AUSTRALIA. IF TESTS PROVE SATISFACTORY, FUTURE MAC FLIGHTS INTO RHEIN/ MAIN WILL REGULARLY ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN PARKED AIRCRAFT AND USAF AERONAUTICAL STATION AT CROUGHTON.

5. NO ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE COMMUNICATIONS TEST. THE TEST WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE NORMAL COMPLEMENT OF CREW MEMBERS OF AIRCRAFT. RADIO FREQUENCY AUTHORIZATION WILL BE OBTAINED THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS. NO SPECIAL SUPPORT WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THIS TEST. PROJECT DATA ARE RELEASABLE TO FRG AND COMMUNICATION TESTS MAY BE OBSERVED BY FRG OFFICIALS, IF DESIRED.

6. DEPARTMENT AND DOD CONSIDER THESE TESTS COVERED BY ARTICLE 60, SUBPARAGRAPHS 2(C), OF SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT. THUS, APPROVAL OF FRG FOR SUCH TESTS NOT REQUIRED. UNLESS EMBASSY OR USAF ARE AWARE OF CIRCUMSTANCES THAT INDICATE A DIFFERENT COURSE OF ACTION, USAF IS REQUESTED TO NOTIFY APPROPRIATE FRG AUTHORITIES OF PLAN

AND TAKE ACTION REQUIRED TO ENSURE THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN MAY PROCEED IN TIMELY AND ORDERLY FASHION. USAF REQUESTED REPORT ACTION TAKEN TO EMBASSY, DEPARTMENT, AND DOD. RUSH'

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